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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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Business Notices.

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Auctions.

Shipping.

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NEW YORK.—J. STEPHEN HAFER, THE CHRISTIAN EVANGELIST OPINION, 52, West 22d Street.
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Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, £1,000,000.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £500,000.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors.

D. GILLES, Esq. CHOW TUNG SING, Esq.
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A. B. McKEAN, Acting Chief Manager.

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The HEAD OFFICE now receives
money on deposit and makes advances on
goods in Neutral godowns, and upon other
securities on terms to be had on applica
tion.

Hongkong, August 27, 1891. 1673

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

The business of the above Bank is con
ducted by the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORA
TION. Rules may be obtained on ap
plication.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at
3% PER CENT. per annum. Depositors
may transfer at their option balances of
£100 or more to the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on
FIXED DEPOSITS at 4% PER CENT. per
annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai
Banking Corporation,

F. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 1, 1891. 1515

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK
CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, £2,000,000.
PAID UP CAPITAL, £500,000.

LONDON: Head Office, 46 Threadneedle Street,
West End Office, 23 Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN
AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives Money on Deposit;
Buys and Sells Bills of Exchange,
Issues Letters of Credit, Forwards Bills for
Collection, and Transacts Banking and
Agency Business generally, on terms to be
had on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:
Fixed for 12 months, 4% per cent. per annum.

6% 3% 2%

On CURRENT Deposit ACCOUNTS 2 per
Cent. per Annum on the Daily Balance.

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

Hongkong, August 10, 1891. 1363

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital, £10,000,000.
Reserve Fund, £6,500,000.

RESERVE LIABILITY OF £10,000,000.
PROFITS, £10,000,000.

COURT OF DIRECTORS:

J. S. MOORE, Esq., Chairman.

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BANKING CO. LTD.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Account at the rate of 2
per cent. per annum on the daily balance
up to £200,000.

On Fixed Deposits—
For 6 months 5% per cent. per annum.

12% up to £200,000.

10% on sums
to excess of £200,000.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Account at the rate of 2
per cent. per annum on the daily balance
up to £200,000.

On Fixed Deposits—
For 6 months 5% per cent. per annum.

12% up to £200,000.

10% on Advances against Goods in neutral
godowns.

7% on Current Account Overdrafts.

7% on Advances against Goods in private
godowns.

F. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 10, 1891. 1571

Intimations.



GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been Received from
the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that
ARTILLERY PRACTICE will take place
between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., on
the 26th, 27th and 28th INSTANT, from
Stone-cutters Island in Westerly and South
Westerly directions, Belcher's Point in a
North-Westerly direction, and on the 29th,
30th and 31st INSTANT, from Lyman in a
South-Easterly direction.

All Ships, Junks and other VESSELS are
CAUTIONED to keep clear of the Range.

All People working in the vicinity of
Belcher's Battery are advised to keep clear
of that part which will be indicated by gun
noses pointing outwards for the purpose, and
the inhabitants of the houses below the
battery are also warned to keep their glass
windows open during the practice.

By Command,

W. M. GOODMAN,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hongkong, 21st October, 1891. 2005

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

THE Annual General MEETING for the
purpose of receiving the Committee's
Report for the last Season and electing
the Committee and Officers of the Club for
the ensuing Season will be held on FRIDAY, the
23rd October, at 6 p.m.

W. H. WALLACE,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, October 7, 1891. 1914

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE.

A COMPETITION will take place at
Kowloon, at 2.45 p.m. SATURDAY
NEXT, the 24th Instant, at 200, 500
and 600 yards. Consists of 7 rounds and
one sight shot each distance. Blister
(1891) targets and positions. Prizes—A
SILVER SPOON for each distance. A
large attendance of Members is requested.
And punctuality is very desirable.

J. ANDERSON,
Acting Hon. Secretary,
H.K.R.A.

Hongkong, October 21, 1891. 2003

CATHAY CHAPTER.

No. 1165.

A Regular CONVOCATION of the
CHAPTER will be held in the
FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on
MONDAY, the 26th Instant, at 8.30
for 9 p.m. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN
are cordially invited.

Hongkong, October 19, 1891. 1983

E. Kressmann, Bordeaux.

THE Unsigned hold STOCK of this
Firm's well-known BRANDS of
CLARETS:

By Case of Per Case of
12 fls. 24 fls.
Medoc \$ 5.25 \$ 6.25
St. Julian 6.00 7.00
Margaux Medoc 8.00 —
Chateau Lafon-Rochet 11.50 12.50
St. Estephe 1883 12.25 —
Moulin Brillié, Medoc 1880 12.25 —
Chateau Lamorec, Mou 14.25 —
Chateau Latour, Second vin 1880 mis en bouteille 17.75 —
Chateau Leoville, Barton 20.50 —
Chateau La Lagune 1878 24.75 —
Chateau Calon Segur, St 26.00 —
Eustache 1875 26.00 —

SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, October 19, 1891. 1899

CHAS. J. GAUPE & CO.,
Optometrist, Watch & Clock Makers,
Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND
METEOROLOGICAL
INSTRUMENTS.

VOYAGER'S CELEBRATED
BINOCULARS and TELESCOPES.

RITCHIE'S LIQUID AND OTHER COMPASSES,
ADMIRALTY & IMRAY CHARIS,
NAUTICAL BOOKS.

English SILVER & ELECTRO-PLATEDWARE,
CHRISTOFLE & CO.'S ELECTRO-PLATED
WARE, GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY
in great variety.

DIAMONDS

— AND —

DIAMOND JEWELLERY,
& Splendid Collection of the Latest London
PATENTs, at very moderate prices. 743

NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that INTEREST
will be Charged on all CALLS due
on Shares of the NATIONAL BANK OF
CHINA, Ltd., and from the 16th Instant,
in accordance with the Articles of Associa
tion.

A. B. McKEAN,

Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, October 16, 1891. 1976

WATERBURY WATCH,
MOST ACCURATE AND RELIABLE
TIME-KEEPER.

SERIES E.—82.70 each.

SERIES J.—\$4.75 each.

SERIES L.—\$4.75 each.

FOR

6% on LOANS against Shares with full
interest.

6% on Advances against Goods in neutral
godowns.

7% on Current Account Overdrafts.

7% on Advances against Goods in private
godowns.

F. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 10, 1891. 1571

China, JAPAN & COREA.

1770

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
IMPORTERS OF
GROCERIES & PROVISIONS

PACKED BY CROSSE BLACKWELL & CO., PHILIPPE & CANAUD AND
OTHER 1ST CLASS PACKERS.

A Full Stock of FRESH STORES always on Hand.

A REVISED PRICE LIST will be issued on 1st OCTOBER, 1891. Attention
is called to the NEW SCALE OF PRICES.

(*)—

PRICED LISTS and PASS-BOOKS sent, Post Free, to any address.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.,
Hongkong, September 26, 1891. 1844

Mails.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN,
SUZ, PORT SAID,
BRINDISI, GENOA,
ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG,
PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK
SEA & BALTIK PORTS;
ALSO,
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON,
BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,
GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN
PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL
AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS
AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills
of Lading for the principal places in
RUSSIA.

ON SATURDAY, the 24th day of October, 1891, at 3 p.m., the Company's
S.S. "AYEEN" Captain T. MANCEL,
with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will have this port as above,
calling at GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till 5
p.m., on the 23rd October. Cargo will be
received on board until 1 p.m., Specie
and Parcels until 10 a.m. on the 24th October.
(Parcels are not to be sent on
board; they must be left at the AGENCY's
Office.) Contents and Value of Packages
are required.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation
and carries a Doctor and Stewards.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 26, 1891. 1891

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, via
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, and thence
to YOKOHAMA AND SAN
FRANCISCO.

PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG,
China..... SATURDAY, Oct. 31.
City of Peking..... Wed'ay, Nov. 25.
City of Rio de Janeiro..... SATURDAY, Dec. 19
via Honolulu.....

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CHINA
will be despatched at San FRANCISCO,
viz YOKOHAMA, on SATURDAY,
the 31st October, at 1 p.m., taking
Passengers and Freight for Japan,
the United States, and Europe.

RATES OF PASSAGE.
From HONGKONG, FIRST CLASS
To San Francisco, Vancouver, Victoria, Esquimalt, New Westminster, Port Townsend, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, O. \$225.00
To Liverpool and London \$225.00
To Paris and Berlin \$24.00
To Havre and Hamburg \$235.00

Through Passage Tickets granted to
England, France, and Germany by all
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to
Missionaries, members of the Naval
Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services,
to European officials in service of China
and Japan, and to Government officials.

Passengers by this Line have the option
of proceeding Overland by the Southern
Pacific and connecting Lines, Central Pacific,
Northern Pacific or Canadian Pacific
Railways.

Return Tickets.—First Class.—Prepaid
return tickets to San Francisco will be
issued at following rates:—

4 months \$337.50

12 months \$303.75

Time is reckoned from date of issue to
date of re-embarkation at San Francisco.

Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-
embarking at San Francisco for China or
Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be
allowed a discount of 10% from Return
Fare. This allowance does not apply to
through fares from China and Japan to
Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and
Inland Cities of the United States, via
Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad,
and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico,
Central and South America, by the Com-
pany's and connecting Steamers.

Bills will be received on board until 4
p.m., the time to sail. Parcel
Post will be received at the office until
6 p.m. same day; all Parcel Postages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo
destined to points beyond San Francisco,
in the United States, should be sent to the
Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes,
addressed to the Collector of Customs at San
Francisco.

For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 72, Queen's Road Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, October 8, 1891. 1891

Intimations.



CALDBECK, MACGREGOR &
Co.,
Wine and Spirit Merchants,
13, QUEEN'S ROAD.
Hongkong, August 18, 1891. 1891

PRIVATE BOARD & RESIDENCE

MRS. FALCONER has VACANCIES
for GENTLEMEN RESIDENT BOARDERS,
at Kowloon, Victoria View.

Hongkong, July 13, 1891. 1891

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE FOR

CHINESE.

PRESIDENTS in the Colony would
materially aid the SENATE of the
COLLEGE by forwarding to the ALICE
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

(1) Glass Jars (for museum purposes).
(2) Illustrated Papers and Books for the
Student's Reading Room and Library.

Address to

JOHN C. THOMSON,

Hon. Sec. to the College.

Hongkong, February 26, 1891.

Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED.
TO AERATED WATER MANUFAC-
TURERS AND OTHERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that ALL
AERATED WATER BOTTLES and
SYPHONS bearing the COMPANY'S NAME
and TRADE MARK are its property solely,
and that any Manufacturer using the same
or any Person or Persons other than the
Customers of the Firm found in possession
of the same will be proceeded against as
the law directs.

A. H. MANCEL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 18, 1891. 1891

Tu-day's Advertisements.

THE MERCHANTS' MARINE INSUR-
ANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned have the Day been
appointed Agents of the above Com-
pany at this port.

THE STRAITS INSURANCE CO., Ltd.,
Kour Baird,
Agent.

Hongkong, October 22, 1891. 2014

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.
The Co.'s Steamship
Haiyan,
Captain ASHTON, will be
despatched on the 22nd Instant, at
11 a.m., instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, October 22, 1891. 1995

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND
YOKOHAMA.
(Via Inland Sea.)

The Steamship
Finstshire,

Captain LIVIER, will be
despatched as above on
MORROW, the 23rd Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, October 22, 1891. 1975

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND
YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship
Finstshire,

Captain LIVIER, will be
despatched as above on
MORROW, the 23rd Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, October 22, 1891. 1922

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR AMOY AND TAMSUI.

The Co.'s Steamship
Finstshire,

Captain DAVIS, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on SATURDAY, the 24th Inst., at
3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, October 22, 1891. 2012

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship
Finstshire,

Captain G. HEUVELMAN, will be
despatched for the above
Port on SATURDAY, the 24th Inst., at
4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMESSEN & Co.

Hongkong, October 22, 1891. 2008

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND
TAIWANFOO.

The Co.'s Steamship
Finstshire,

Captain HUNTER, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on SUNDAY, the 25th Instant, at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, October 22, 1891. 2013

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA
& TAIWANFOO.

The Co.'s Steamship
Finstshire,

Captain HUNTER, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on SUNDAY, the 25th Instant, at
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DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, October 22, 1891. 2013

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Hongkong, October 22, 1891. 2013

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA
& TAIWANFOO.

THE CHINA MAIL.

Awaying a long time in Kobe harbour the dismasted barque, the *Maurice de Lorme*, which suffered so severely in the August typhoon, is to be sold by auction.

The Native, says, the *Shanghai Mercury*, give the Hongkong people great kudos for having sold arms recently to be smuggled into China, and then informed the proper authorities, as to how they were seized.

War Office orders announce that the movements of the infantry battalions during the coming trip to Japan include those of the 1st Shropshire Light Inf., Egypt to Hongkong; and the 1st Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, Hongkong to Edinburgh.

The *Nagasaki Express* of 14th inst. says:—A telegram has been received announcing that the English Squadron has left Hakodate, presumably for Korea, and that the *Admiralty* remained at Hakodate until Saturday last, when she was to proceed to this port.

Sam Robert Hart is reported to have said in an interview:—“If the Chinese moneyed men only trusted their own Government a little more, China would undoubtedly soon be in the position of being able to lend money to other countries. If—what a vast deal there is in that if!

H.B.M.’s own-vessel *Suzuf* left Shanghai on the 17th inst. for Hakodate. The U.S. S. *Alliance* left for Camphoo, relieved at Shanghai by the *Alert*, which arrived on the 16th inst. The U.S. S. *Monocacy* arrived at Shanghai on the 17th inst. from Japan and the German gun-boat *Wolf* from Canton.

From the commencement of the season up to October 6th this year, tea purchased by Kobo merchants totalled to 15,000,700 lbs. and it is estimated that during the month next will be 600,000 lbs. or 400,000 lbs. more will be brought. In addition the Japanese merchants have exported some 400,000 lbs. During the season last year 15,000,000 lbs. were exported, so that this year will show an increase of some 600,000 or 700,000 lbs.—*Hyoce News*.

A report is current among the Chinese officials here to-day, says the *Shanghai Mercury* of 17th inst., to the effect that a couple of foreign sailing vessels, believed to be loaded with arms and ammunition for warlike purposes, are in the offing near the mouth of the River Min, and it is anticipated that an attempt will be made to smuggle the arms, etc., ashore. The authorities are, however, on the alert, and the landing, if effected at all, is not likely to be effected without difficulty.

Kobo tea manufacturers are determined to attempt to organize a trade in black tea with Russia. They look to Russia as a country which is said to do a big business with them—perhaps because the Czarowitch was recently assassinated in Japan—and who are about to make one great effort. Consequently, some forty-five merchants have been holding meetings, and have at length resolved to establish the Nippo Chango Gikai here. For five years they will try to open up trade with Russia, and, if successful, will turn their attention to America and Australia. We wish them success in their venture, and trust their company will not suffer from the same cause as that which extinguished the Japan Tea Manufacturing Company.—*Hyoce News*.

The Tientsin correspondent of the *Shanghai Mercury* writes:—A Chinese telegram has been received here to the effect that the Viceregal of Nanking has seized (Tsankai) Mr Ma Kia Tsoeng’s property for account of monies due by him to the C. M. S. N. Co. If this telegram is correct, and the Chinese declare it is, he will not be likely to resign his office as intercessor, nor take the general management of the Shinkai jointly with Mr Dething, Hoo and Chin. We have again three steamers above and three steamers below the Tientsin Bend. All are waiting for higher water. The highest water is the shallowest part of the river, 105 feet. Some of the steamers lately seem to get out of the deep water channel and stick right across the river. It may be that the deep channel has somewhat shifted.

Under instructions from His Ex. Li Hung-chang, the Imperial Chinese Railways and the China Railway Company are now definitely amalgamated and the lines placed under the control of Yang Tsotsi, as sole Manager Director, with the management of Government business and finances, and Mr. W. N. Pashick as Assistant Managing Director, with control over the general traffic and administration. The arrangement seems thoroughly satisfactory, and as Mr. Pashick is well and favourably known as an administrator, we trust the lines may have a prosperous career before them. The difficulty hitherto has been the divided administration, which prevented the line being worked to the best advantage. Doubtless means will now be adopted to facilitate the discharge of steamers at Tongku, which, in the present condition of the Peiho, is urgently needed in the interests of the port of Tientsin.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

ST. JOHN’S AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.

HONGKONG CENTRE.

On Saturday, October 24th, at 4 p.m., in the Volunteer Artillery Parade Ground, H.E. Major General Barker C.B., President of the Centre, will distribute the certificates to the successful pupils who have passed the required examination.

Thirty ladies have passed through the classes, some having gained certificates not only in “First Aid” but also in “Nursing.”

A large number of Police have been trained and they will give a display of proficiency before the President, previous to receiving their certificates.

In addition two stretcher detachments of volunteers and two composed of students from the College of Medicine will go through stretcher-bearer drill, lifting and carrying wounded, etc.

The idea is to ascertain the available ambulance strength of the Colony in the event of war, and at the same time to gauge the local work of the St. John’s Ambulance Association for civil life.

The public are invited to be present on the parade ground, when we are sure a pleasant and instructive hour will be spent.

Gra. Randa an inch and she’ll take the *Diamond*.—*Philadelphia Record*.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

of charge. The suggestion was respectfully declined.

Some three years ago an explosion took place at the same factory, but as only three persons lost their lives no steps were taken to have the fact reported at the city limits. It is believed or hoped at least that this lesson which has affected so many will prove the effect of getting the factory and powder magazine removed far enough to prevent damage in the event of a like accident again occurring.

CANTONIENSIS.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the “CHINA MAIL.”

The Volunteer, the *Mercury* is useless quite, I ready to go. Like at shooting, and at night. He makes the noise, but it is not true. Your hands for some time and have doubtless received your attention, and I do not propose to read them unless I am desired to do so. The year 1890, as you are already most probably aware, was an anxious one for all connected with marine underwriting; and although the profits of the office for that year do not equal those of the three previous years we may yet congratulate ourselves on being able to present you with what I venture to think is a fairly satisfactory Report. You will have noticed that our losses have been \$145,000, a great portion of these were on what we considered risks of the best description, and we can only hope that such a period of disaster as occurred during the winter months of 1890-1891 will not recur for many years to come. The addition of a further sum of \$50,000 to the Reserve Fund which has been recommended I feel assured you will approve of, and it will be our care under the additional power given at the Extraordinary Meeting held in May last to build up this Fund as steadily as may be and so strengthen the position of the office. With regard to the present year’s working we have had to sacrifice the estimated annual sharing for the first 6 months of the year \$51,000 out of a total of \$100,000. This treat the Volunteer debars, Away with him; I say, I’m ‘Mare.

In number small but firm and fit. The Volunteers are not a whit disposed to trifle or disband. Though Mars himself stalk through the land. Whilst come in and hurry out And is very hubbub, rout The patriot soul must stir the call And make his business ‘all in all.’ He can’t find time for Volunteering Or even church, when ships are clearing.

A statement plain the Captain makes The Corps a worth a brace of shakies; Yet, if the numbers pull together, We may another season weather.

When Jubilee or Birthdays call I want to see you, friend and all; When sheer, hard work is on the list Even half a mile is easily managed.

I don’t say it’s half man; And it’s not right for you to “quiz”

There being no questions.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. Wotton seconded and the motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. J. B. Coughtrie proposed that Messrs. Dalrymple, Davies, Ryrie, Saxon and Gillies be re-elected members of the Consulting Committee.

Mr. Mahta seconded and the motion was unanimously carried.

On the motion of Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. Forbes Meigs, G. S. Coxon and F. Henderson were re-elected auditors.

This concluded the meeting.

BLOWING UP OF A GUN-POWDER FACTORY AT HEUNG SHAN.

14 KILLED AND 150 WOUNDED.

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The Adjutant right trim and square.

Has given it’s a start;

Recruits come in by twos and threes;

Two sticks have kindly lighted out.

Commissions soon will sit about;

And Marabout down’th meath mighty whacks.

Pipes down, retreats, appears as “PAX.”

WEST POINT.

THE DEFENCE OF TIENSIN.

The Defence Committee formed at Tientsin has drafted a scheme of defence operations in case of trouble, of which the following extract will give some idea:—

5.—The chief command of the military lines of defence has been undertaken by Colonel Poutta, with Major Richter, Captain de Fieureau and Commander Hosoya in command of the different positions.

6.—The force enrolled numbers 148, of whom not more than 12 may be classed as non-combatant. For convenience the force has been grouped as follows:

(1) Russians and Americans (9 and 8 men respectively)	17
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(3) French	15
(4) Germans	37
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7.—As the members of the force will receive their orders from their respective Commanders, or the Commander-in-chief, it is not necessary to enter into details here, but only to inform the residents, generally, of the nature of the measures concerted for the common safety, so as to prevent confusion should the time come to put them in force.

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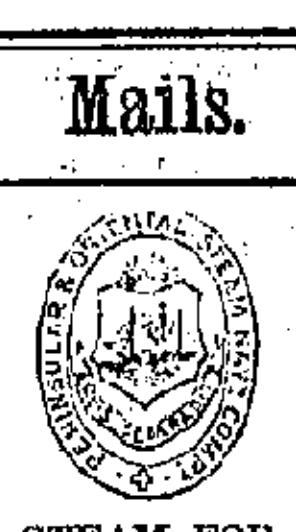
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THE CHINA MAIL.

NO. 3967—OCTOBER 22, 1891.

Mails.	
CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAYS ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.	
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1891.	
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)	
Empress of China Tuesday 10th Nov.	
Empress of India Tuesday 8th Dec.	
Empress of Japan Tuesday 5th Jan.	
THE R. M. S. EMRESS OF CHINA, 5,000 tons, Captain A. T. TILLET, sailing at Noon, on THURSDAY, the 10th November, with Her Majesty's Mails, will proceed to VANCOUVER, via SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	
RATES OF PASSAGE. (In Mexican Dollars). FROM HONGKONG, FIRST CLASS.	
TO	Prepaid One way Postage. 4 12 Mos/Mos



Mails.		Insurances.		Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.					
QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.									
THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.									
NORTON & CO., Agents.									
Hongkong, July 15, 1891.									
THE NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.									
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES to the extent of \$100,000 on First-class Risks at current rates.									
DUNN, MELBYE & CO.									
Hongkong, September 19, 1891.									
SPECIE ONLY LANDED AT PLYMOUTH.									
THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship SURAT, Captain R. J. SLEEMAN, with Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this port BOMBAY on THURSDAY, the 20th October, at Noon, connecting with the S.S. OCEANA, at that port which Vessel takes on her Cargo for INDIA and SUEZ CANALS, leaving Bombay on the 21st November.									
Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. Parcels and Spices (at the Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing).									
Silk and Valuables for Europe will be transhipped at Colombo; Tea and General Cargo for London will be conveyed via Bombay.									
For further Particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.									
The Contents and Value of Packages are required to be declared privately shipped.									
Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.									
Passengers desirous of incurring their baggage can do so on application at the Company's Office.									
This Steamer takes Cargo and Passengers for MANCHESTER.									
E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.									
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, October 18, 1891.									
1892.									
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SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.—Oct. 22, 1891.									
Stocks Nos. of Value Paid-up Closing Quotations, Cash.									
BANAS. Shares. \$ Value. \$ Paid-up. \$ Closing Quotations, Cash.									
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp. 80,000 \$ 125 all 158 % prem.									
Bank of China, Japan and Straits, Ltd. 99,876 2 10.2 1.16 \$14 100.5 all 125 cash.									
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, Belpio, Thursday, Nov. 12. Oceanic, Tuesday, Dec. 3. Gacca, Thursday, Dec. 31.									
THE Steamship BELPIO will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on THURSDAY, 12th November, 1891, at 1 p.m., connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports.									
RATES OF PASSAGE.									
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All Parcels must be sent to our office with address marked in full; and same will be received by the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.									
For Further Information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.									
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Hongkong, October 21, 1891. 1890.									
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